

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **16 November 2006**, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-18. Claims 7-8, 12-14, and 16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Neeman et al (GB 2367219A, hereinafter "Neeman"). Claims 1, and 4-6 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Neeman, in view of Hunt et al (USPN 5,764,235, hereinafter "Hunt"), in view of Jason, Jr. (USPub US2003/0061356, hereinafter "Jason"). Claim 2 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Neeman, in view of Hunt, in view of Jason, and further in view of Port 80 Software (*PORT 80 software*, December 2003, pages 1-3, hereinafter "Port80"). Claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Neeman, in view of Hunt, in view of Jason, and further in view of Willes et al (USPub 2005/0120128, hereinafter "Willes"). Claims 9, 11, and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Neeman, in view of Port80. Claim 10 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Neeman, in view of Port80 and further in view of Willes. Claim 15 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Neeman, in view of Willes. Claim 17 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Neeman, in view of Hunt.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) and 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

Dependent claim 2 was rejected as being unpatentable over Neeman, in view of Hunt, in view of Jason, and further in view of Port 80. The Examiner avers Port80 teaches determining if the data is cacheable at page 7, lines 35-38. Applicant respectfully points out that Port80 teaches determining whether the data is **cacheable** in a local cache **based upon file types** listed in the property sheet (see Port80, page 7, lines 35-38).

In contrast, the present invention determines if data is **cacheable at a location between the server and a client** and, if so, dynamically selecting a level of compression to be applied to the data to reduce the bandwidth of the data being transmitted to the cache (see page 7, line 25 to page 8, line 3 of the instant application). This is beneficial because it provides a technique for reducing the bandwidth of data being sent on the network. There is nothing within the combined system of Neeman, Hunt, Jason, or Port 80, which suggests determining if data is **cacheable at a location between the server and a client** and, if so, dynamically selecting a level of compression to be applied to the data to reduce the bandwidth of the data being transmitted to the cache.

Accordingly, Applicant has amended claims 1, 6-7, and 12-13 to clarify that the present invention determines if data are cacheable between the server and a client and, if so, dynamically selecting a level of compression to be applied to the data to reduce the bandwidth of the data being transmitted to the cache. These amendments find support on page 7, line 25 to page 8, line 3 of the instant application. Dependent claim 2 has been canceled without prejudice.

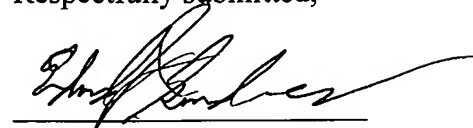
Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 6-7, and 12-13 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 3-5, which depend upon claim 1, claims 8-11, which depend upon claim 7, and claims 14-18, which depend upon claim 13, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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